

# INFORMATION BULLETIN

## JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT

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TO: SERVICE DELIVERY AREA ADMINISTRATORS  
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SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA YOUTHBUILD SOLICITATION FOR PROPOSALS

A Solicitation for Proposals (SFP) for California YouthBuild funds was released in a Research, Evaluation and Demonstration Projects Division Special Projects Bulletin on Monday, March 20, 2000, to 14 current YouthBuild program operators throughout the state.

The SFP was released pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 643, the California YouthBuild Program, which was passed by the California Legislature in its 1999-2000 session. Modeled after the federal program, California YouthBuild will provide economically disadvantaged youth, particularly high school dropouts, with education and employment skills, as well as the opportunity for meaningful work in their communities. The program is designed to provide both on-site housing construction and rehabilitation work experience, and off-site academic classes, job skills training, leadership development and supportive services. The program's construction projects provide permanent affordable housing for the homeless and low and very low-income families. In addition to the benefits provided to the participants and the local housing community, young teens and children in the neighborhood benefit from having positive peer role models.

AB 643 names the Employment Development Department (EDD) as the administrative entity for the California YouthBuild program, and, as authorized by the legislation, EDD will award grants in Program Year 1999-2000 to YouthBuild programs previously established with funding from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

If you have any questions, or you wish to obtain a copy of the California YouthBuild SFP, please call Janet Supriano, at (916) 657-3545.

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